

Welcome and Introduction

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Background on MTRB

- n Research and Evaluation Action Team was created at the Transportation Summit in 2003 with Dr. Mumtaz Usmen as moderator.
- n Team met 3-4 hours about once a month for a year to create a charter for a research advisory body. The body was named MTRB.

What is MTRB?

MTRB is a voluntary advisory body to Michigan's transportation agencies, led by MDOT, that will:

- n Assist in identifying and prioritizing transportation research needs
- n Interact with organizations that conduct and support research
- n Champion the value of research to improve Michigan's transportation system

What is MTRB? (Cont'd)

- n Promote an exchange of information, ideas, and knowledge benefiting transportation stakeholders through open discussions
- n Help set broad direction for annual research programs, and evaluate progress on an annual basis consistent with MDOT's and other agencies' business plans

Executive Committee

- n A 16-person executive committee representing MDOT, FHWA, state universities, local government, and associations was established to guide MTRB

MTRB Meetings

- n MTRB meetings will be held once or twice a year
- n The MTRB Executive Committee will meet more regularly